

# We Create Community



## Register Now For Winter Recreation Classes



Plan now for winter recreation adventures with Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine! Learn a new skill, create a work of art, get fit, or explore new ways to have fun! Browse classes in the Long Beach Winter 2017 Recreation Connection at [fbs. advantageinc.com/longbeachrecreation/winter2017](http://fbs.advantageinc.com/longbeachrecreation/winter2017)

**Pre-School** - Young children benefit from learning Spanish and Sign Language. Read about **Preschool**

**Spanish, Movement and Art** (page 5 )and **Spanish Musical Mommy N Me Playgroup** for ages 18 mo. to three years (page 6). Children learn through songs, stories and fun activities. **Baby Sign Language** for ages two to 18 mo. (page 6) and **Tot Sign Language** for ages 18 mo. to three years (page 6) teach American Sign Language skills

**Youth** - During winter break from January 4-6, young animators can learn the illustration styles of **Chibi & Manga** at a Drawing Camp at Averyboo Arts (page 10). Future stewards of the natural world will see the relationship between sea lions, human interaction, and the climate in **Project Based Learning: California Sea Lion** (page 12). Spanish immersion for ages 7-10, **Que Tal Homeschoolers** and **Que Tal Kinders** will develop a foundation for reading, writing, and speaking in Spanish for ages 5-6 (page 12).

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## Stephen Scott Named PRM Deputy Director



Business Operations Bureau Manager Stephen Scott has been promoted to the Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine for Director Marie Knight.

Mr. Scott served as Interim Director for almost ten months after former Director George Chapjian left the Department in 2015. According to Ms. Knight, "Stephen did an awesome job leading the Department, and helping with my transition. I appreciate his thorough problem solving method, ability to make things happen, his fair and equitable approach and passion for the Department."

Mr. Scott will continue to have oversight responsibilities for the Business Operations Bureau in his new role. He previously was the Customer Services Manager in the Department of Technology and Innovation, and Assistant to the City Manager.

Mr. Scott holds a Master's Degree in Public Management from the University of Wisconsin, Madison's LaFollette School of Public Affairs, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is a resident of Long Beach.

## Heather Green Humanitarian Award Winner



Cultural Program Supervisor Heather Green from Stearns Champions Park / Adaptive Recreation program was named a recipient of the California Conference for Equality and Justice Gene Lentzner Human Relations Awards on October 20.

The Gene Lentzner Human Relations Awards celebrates individuals who have made significant contributions to improving social justice across ethnic, cultural, gender and religious lines in the greater Long Beach and area.

Growing up in Ohio during the Civil Rights era, she witnessed many forms of discrimination. Her friends who were gay, straight, and culturally and racially diverse inspired her to use art to create dialog and empower people to realize that their voice makes a difference in life and government. Heather joined Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine in 1989 and supervised the Mural Arts program. During this time she met and adopted her son.

Heather says she is "the luckiest person alive to have a job that can make a positive difference in the community."

# Community Information Services



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**Adults** - New jewelry design classes will have students creating perfect accessories for all occasions. Check out **Beaded Badge Necklace**, (page 18); **Couples Bracelets** to wear while walking hand-in-hand (page 19); **Floating Illusion Neck-**

**lace** (page 19); or **Jewelry Pick-A-Project** and choose a project to complete in class (page 19). Visit [www.thejewelry-habit.com](http://www.thejewelry-habit.com) to see samples and class information.



Other new adult classes include **Practical Tools For Every Parent** where students will get the tools every parent needs for raising children and teens (page 23) and **Skin-care & Make Up Fundamentals** will focus on how to take care of your skin and tips for applying makeup. (page 23).

**Adults 50+** - Seniors can integrate flexibility, strengthening, balance, and exercise in the new **Fit, Firm & Flexible** class (page 30).

**"Get A Job Faster with Networking,"** says it all in the title. See page 20. **"Speaking Geek: Learning the Language of Technology"** will build your knowledge and confidence with tech lingo (page 20). First responders recommend everyone have at least 72 hours of emergency supplies. In **Build Your Own 72 Hour Survival Backpack**, learn what to include, preparedness tips, creating a family communication plan, and more (page 23).

Copies of the Recreation Connection are available at park community centers and City Libraries. Visit [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org) to register.

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## Fall Happenings

Admiral Kidd Park celebrated Dia de los Muertos with youth in their after school program on November 1.



Parks, Recreation and Marine celebrated fall and Halloween with a Pumpkin Patch at the Caboose Corners in El Dorado Regional Park. After riding the train. Visitors were able to pick out the perfect pumpkin.



### *By the Numbers:*

#### *Community Recreation Services - September 2016*

Permits to Gather .....	151
Reserved Picnic Sites .....	34
Number of Contract Classes .....	295
Facility Use Permits Issued .....	49
Field Use Permits Issued .....	39
Adult Sports League Participants .....	4,660
Visits to City / City Operated LBUSD Pools .....	21,266
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries .....	12,710
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes .....	483
Youth and Teen Participants .....	42,873
Senior Citizen Participants .....	40,085
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center .....	27,752



# Community Recreation Services

## Junior Beach Runners Feel the Need For Speed at Kids Fun Run



On October 9, over 150 youth from the Junior Beach Runners program participated in the Aquarium of the Pacific Kids One Mile Fun Run, part of the JetBlue Long Beach Marathon. The youth

joined more than 2,000 other young runners at the event. The run was the first event of their Junior Beach Runner program year.

Finishers received medals, certificates and free entrance into the Aquarium. The Junior Beach Runner participating sites include eight WRAP programs from Edison, Lafayette, Burbank, Starr King, Grant, Hudson, Lee, and Garfield Elementary Schools.

Run Racing, the Long Beach Marathon organizers, have been long time partners of the Junior Beach Runner Program and each year offer free slots in the popular Fun Run to the Junior Beach Runners. The goal of the program is to increase the knowledge and consumption of healthy foods and physical activity among at-risk children in Long Beach. This is the Junior Beach Runner's tenth year of participation in the event.



## Eco Totem Counts Pedestrians and Cyclists on Beach Bike/Pedestrian Path



A bike and pedestrian counter called Eco-Totem has been installed on the Beach Bike/Pedestrian path west of Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, to collect data on the 3.1-mile side-by-side lanes.

The City collects data on bicycles and pedestrians through physical counts, which provide a snap shot to help track and project ridership and activity in specific areas. The Eco-Totem counter uses special sensors to count and distinguish between bicyclists and pedestrians walking or jogging along the path. The data will help in future decisions for infrastructure along our coastline."

This "Bikeability" investment reaffirms the City's commitment to making Long Beach the best place to live, work, and play. Long Beach will continue to promote its overall "Livability" initiatives, which also include "Swimability" and "Walkability," to promote healthy active lifestyles so all residents and visitors can experience an increased quality of life.



During peak times the path can be used by more than 200 bikes per hour, along with approximately 185 pedestrians per hour.

The counter displays the number of pedestrians and bicyclists who use the path each day, and also year-to-date. The public can view in real-time how many people are bicycling and using the pedestrian path at [www.longbeach.gov/PW](http://www.longbeach.gov/PW).

Bicycling is on the rise in Long Beach. A recent study by Zillow found that the City has eight cyclists per 1,000 commuters, and a median bike commuter time of 22 minutes. In addition, the City was named the No. 10 "Most Bike Friendly City in America" in a survey using data from Zillow.com and featured on Active.com, the largest athletic event website in the United States.



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## El Dorado West Sugar Peach Festival



El Dorado Park West hosted the annual Sugar Peach Festival on November 5. Craft lovers shopped for jewelry, mosaics, greeting cards, photo albums, crocheted items, paintings, potted plants, wind chimes and more.



## Youth Sports “Pink Out” Shows Support For Breast Cancer Research

On October 22, PRM youth sports teams participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Play for a Cure” Pink Out. Coaches, players and parents were encouraged to show their support of breast cancer awareness. From pink socks and wrist bands to ribbons and banners, all participants showed their support for the cause.



*Wardlow volleyball girls showing off their pink out pride!*



*Nathan Thomas and Wardlow boys showing off the awesome breast cancer awareness bracelets!*



*PRM staff Jamie Deaton, Manny O'Dell, Jr., Lindsay Wells, Steve Loaiza raising money for the cause!*



*Kristopher Briggs and his El Dorado Park West team wearing pink, rooting at the end of their game!*



# Know Your Long Beach Park: Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier



The 1,620-foot Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, located at Ocean and 39th Place in east Long Beach offers visitors views of downtown Long Beach and San Pedro. The original wooden pier called “Devil’s Gate” because of the rock formation of that name that originally extended from the foot of 39<sup>th</sup> Place, opened in December, 1915. That pier was replaced by a concrete structure in February, 1967.

A Belmont Pier master plan was developed in 1990 and called for enhanced access for the disabled, upgraded benches and restrooms, parking lot improvements, new lighting, electrical, dining opportunities, and fishing and water taxi service access.

In 2001, the pier was renamed in dedication to veterans from the Long Beach area as the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier. A memorial on the pier’s west wing includes flags for all military service branches, and benches with plaques honoring individuals and significant military campaigns.

In 2000, Long Beach Transit proposed the construction of a stop at Belmont Pier for the Aqua-link water taxi that runs from the Rainbow Harbor and the Queen Mary to Alamitos Bay. This was combined with a program to restore the storm damaged fishing boat landing in 2005. Construction was completed in February 2009.

The pier amenities include a snack stand, event room, bait shop, a dinghy dock and a commercial landing for shore boats, and charter boats. The Long Beach Transit AquaLink operates from a dock at the pier to ferry passengers to the Long Beach Harbor and to Alamitos Bay Landing.

For more information about Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, visit [www.belmontpier.com](http://www.belmontpier.com).



## Shake Out Don't Freak Out!

On October 20, 2016, Parks Recreation and Marine staff and patrons participated in the Great California ShakeOut and were reminded to “Shake Out, Don’t Freak Out,” and learn to protect themselves and become prepared.

At 10:20 a.m., staff along with patrons in PRM facilities participated in a Drop, Cover and Hold drill for 60 seconds.

- If in a building, take shelter under a table or desk, and protect your head and neck with your arms.
- If outdoors, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings, or electrical wires and poles.
- If driving a vehicle, pull to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines. Stay inside your vehicle until the shaking stops or 60 seconds for the exercise.

For more information about earthquake preparedness, visit [www.shakeout.org/california](http://www.shakeout.org/california).



*PRM staff show how it's done.*

*El Dorado Seniors protect their head and neck.*



# Animal Care Services Update

## Whoos Doing Much Better with a Little Help from LB Animal Care Services?



Long Beach Animal Care Services takes care of many different creatures including an owl that was rescued by Long Beach Life-guards last month. The barn owl became entangled in fishing line under Westminster bridge over the

San Gabriel River and was unable to free herself without assistance. The owl was transported to Long Beach Animal Hospital where the fishing line was removed from its right wing. The owl is doing well and is receiving additional care at the pet hospital.



## Median Reclaimed Watering Pilot Provides Recycled Water to Save Trees

The Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM), Public Works (PW) and Long Beach Water are partnering to implement an innovative median watering pilot program using recycled water trucks to irrigate trees that are showing signs of distress in the city medians. The goal of the pilot program is to rescue much of the urban forest – our green infrastructure – over the coming months to benefit the air quality, visual appeal, and health of our community.

Marie Knight, director of PRM notes, “Our City departments continue to look for creative ways to provide our services and preserve our urban forests.” She continues, “The trees in our medians are suffering as a result of the state’s drought restrictions on watering grass in public medians with potable water and an aging irrigation infrastructure. This creative solution will allow us to re-establish watering our trees utilizing reclaimed water, similarly to how we currently use reclaimed water for irrigating many of our parks.”

The Public Works Department is providing logistical and operational support for the pilot. “We are excited at this multi-departmental partnership in creating this pilot initiative in the city,” said Craig Beck, director of Public Works.

“Sustainability is the Long Beach way of life,” said Chris Garner, general manager of the Water Department. “Water is pleased to partner again with our sister departments to help save our city’s trees, while also reducing our city’s potable water demand through the use of recycled water. LBWD will continue to collaborate and provide technical support for such innovative water efficiency approaches. This pilot program is one example of our mutual dedication to the larger, long-term goals.”

“I thank our PRM, PW and Water departments for collaborating on this program,” said Long Beach City Manager Pat West. “This program will not only save some of the dying trees but also ensure we are being as water efficient as we can by using recycled water instead of potable water.”

The median watering pilot program is slated for a 90 day trial period, intended as a bridge into the rainy season; initial cost for the pilot is expected to be approximately \$40,000.00. Currently beginning the third tree watering cycle, the pilot program in two cycles has so far saved over 85,000 gallons of potable water, by using recycled water to irrigate trees in city medians.





# Marine Bureau Update

Beach Maintenance staff just breathed life into this walkway near Chestnut Ave. and Shoreline Dr. by planting drought tolerant plumbago, Lomandra breeze and phormium.



A starfish hanging out on the rocks off Basin 5 in Alamitos Bay Marina and fish swimming in Shoreline Marina are signs that Long Beach's water quality is looking good for local sea life.



## By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau October 2016

### Community Service Workers Program

Total number of persons enrolled for October: .....	192
Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay: .....	127
<i>(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance: .....	82
<i>(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance: .....	207
<i>(Litter pickup including Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and assist with custodial work)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas: .....	137
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm: .....	32
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands: .....	180
<i>(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups: .....	1,493
<i>(Neighborhood clean-ups and events, graffiti paint-outs)</i>	
<b>Total number of CSW hours for August 2016</b>	
Work orders completed: .....	557
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide: .....	172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily: .....	28
Park turf acres maintained: .....	814
Park landscape acres maintained: .....	3,120
Street (medians) turf acres maintained: .....	53
Street landscape acres maintained: .....	212

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November

Wed. 16	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Commission on Youth and Children Parks and Recreation Commission Kids' Fishing Derby	Long Beach Senior Center El Dorado Park West El Dorado Senior Center El Dorado Regional Park Citywide Parks Citywide Parks Citywide Parks
Th. 17	9 a.m.		
Sat. 19	9 a.m.		
Mon. 21	Hours Vary	Fall Fun Days Recreation Program	
Tue. 22	Hours Vary	Fall Fun Days Recreation Program	
Wed. 23	Hours Vary	Fall Fun Days Recreation Program	
Th. 24		Thanksgiving	
Fri. 25		City Holiday	
Sat. 26		Enjoy Color Lighted Holidays Trees	Shoreline Areas

## December

Sat. 3	10 a.m. 1 p.m.	Be a First Saturday Steward Clean-up Creation Station Youth Art Program Holiday Tea event	El Dorado Nature Center Rancho Los Cerritos Rancho Los Cerritos Long Beach Yacht Club Marine Stadium Arbor Dog Park in Seal Beach. Rancho Los Cerritos El Dorado Senior Center Long Beach Senior Center
Tue. 6	11:30 a.m.		
Th. 8	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission	
Sat. 10	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pet Vaccination/Licensing Clinic Pet Vaccination/Licensing Clinic Old Time Christmas Festival	
Sun. 11	1 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission	
Th. 15	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	
Wed. 21	9 a.m.	Christmas City Holiday	
Sun. 25		Winter Break Youth Teen Recreation	Visit <a href="http://www.LBParks.org">www.LBParks.org</a>
Mon. 26		Winter Break Youth Teen Recreation	Visit <a href="http://www.LBParks.org">www.LBParks.org</a>
Tue. 27	Hours Vary	Winter Break Youth Teen Recreation	Visit <a href="http://www.LBParks.org">www.LBParks.org</a>
Wed. 28	Hours Vary	Winter Break Youth Teen Recreation	Visit <a href="http://www.LBParks.org">www.LBParks.org</a>
Th. 29	Hours Vary	Winter Break Youth Teen Recreation	
Fri. 30	Hours Vary	New Year's Eve	
Sat. 31			

\*Call for registration and fee information.

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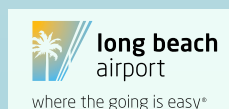

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